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Enclosed are 8 sheets of formal drawings which can be used in place of the informal drawings originally filed with the application.

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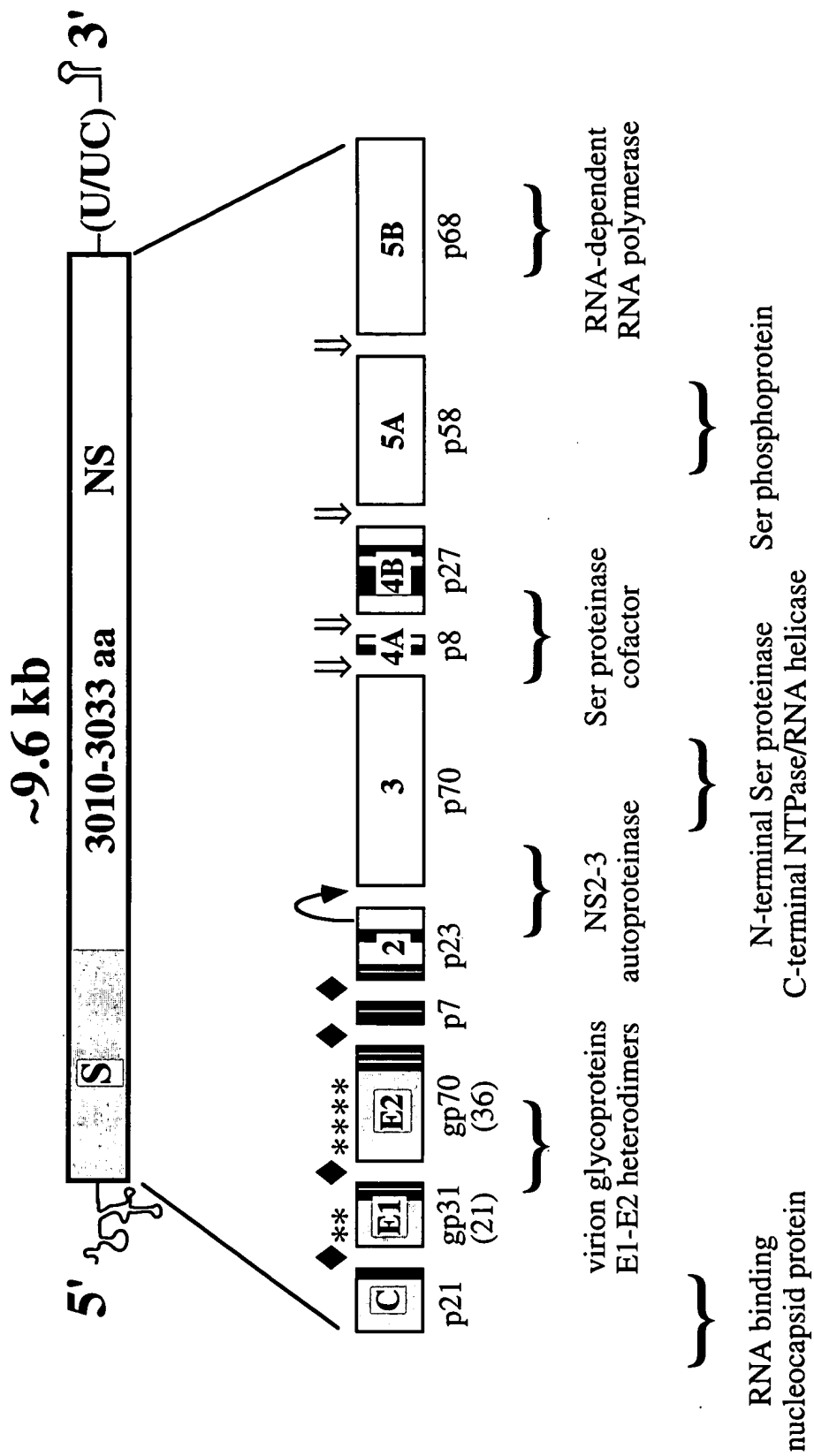


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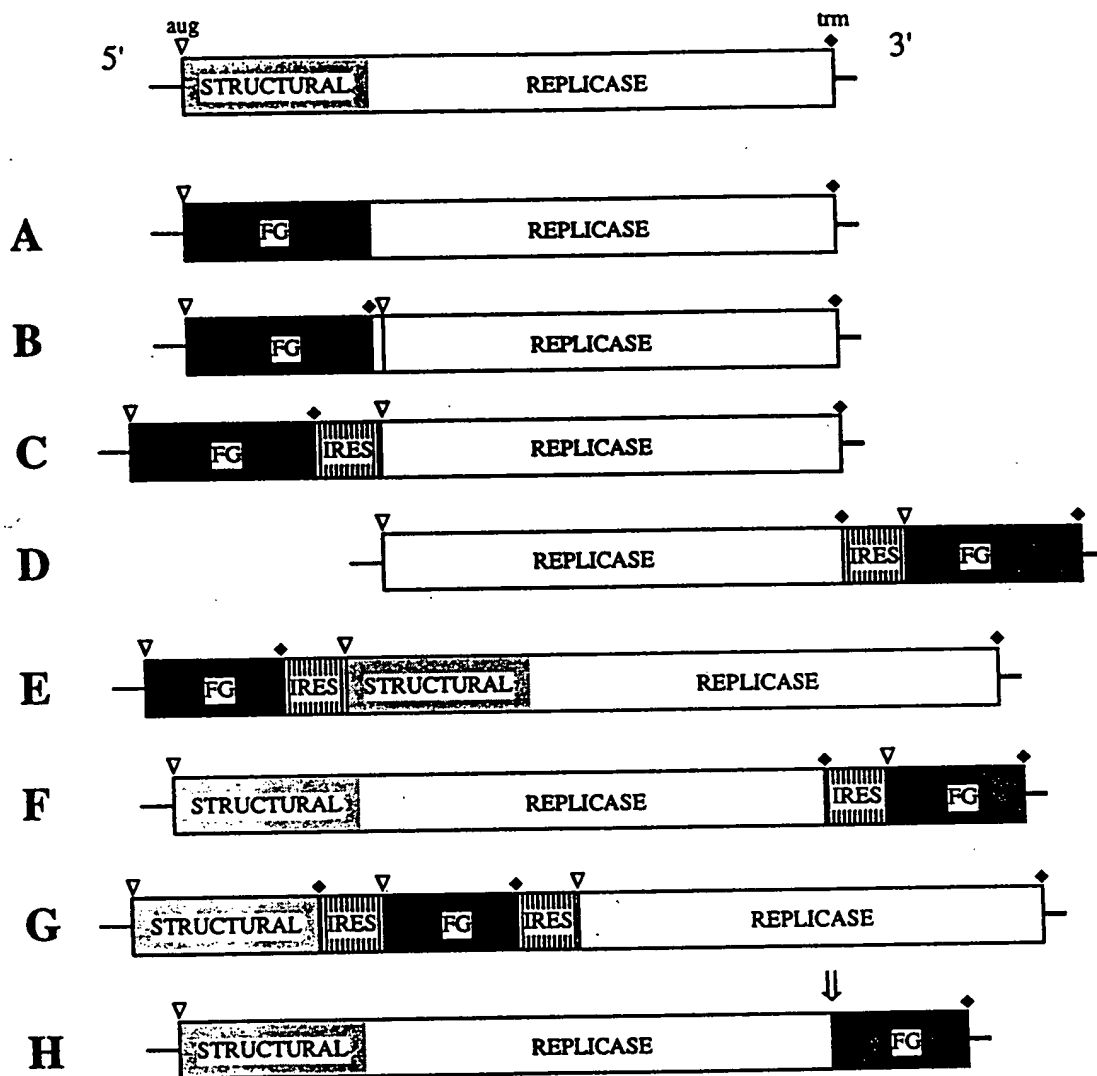


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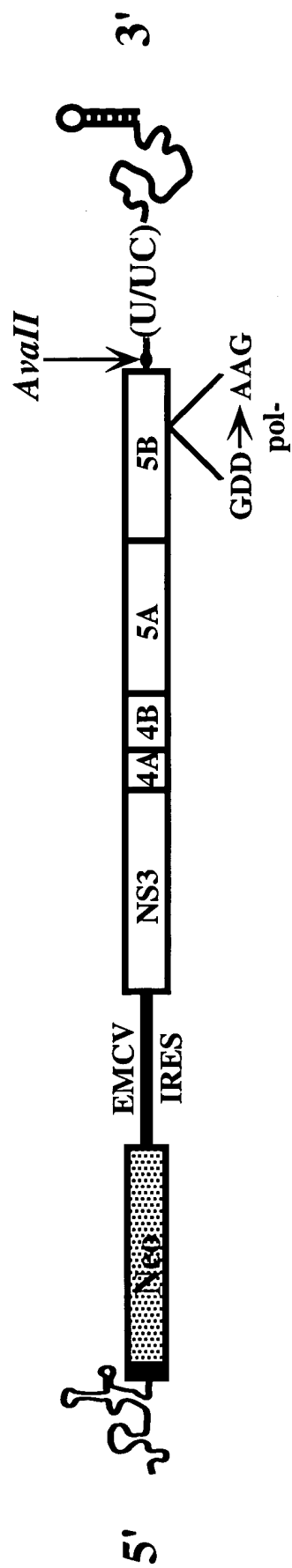
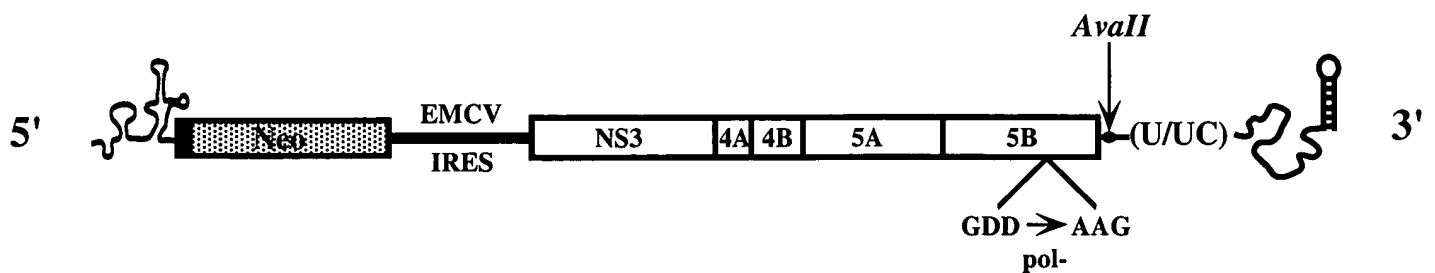


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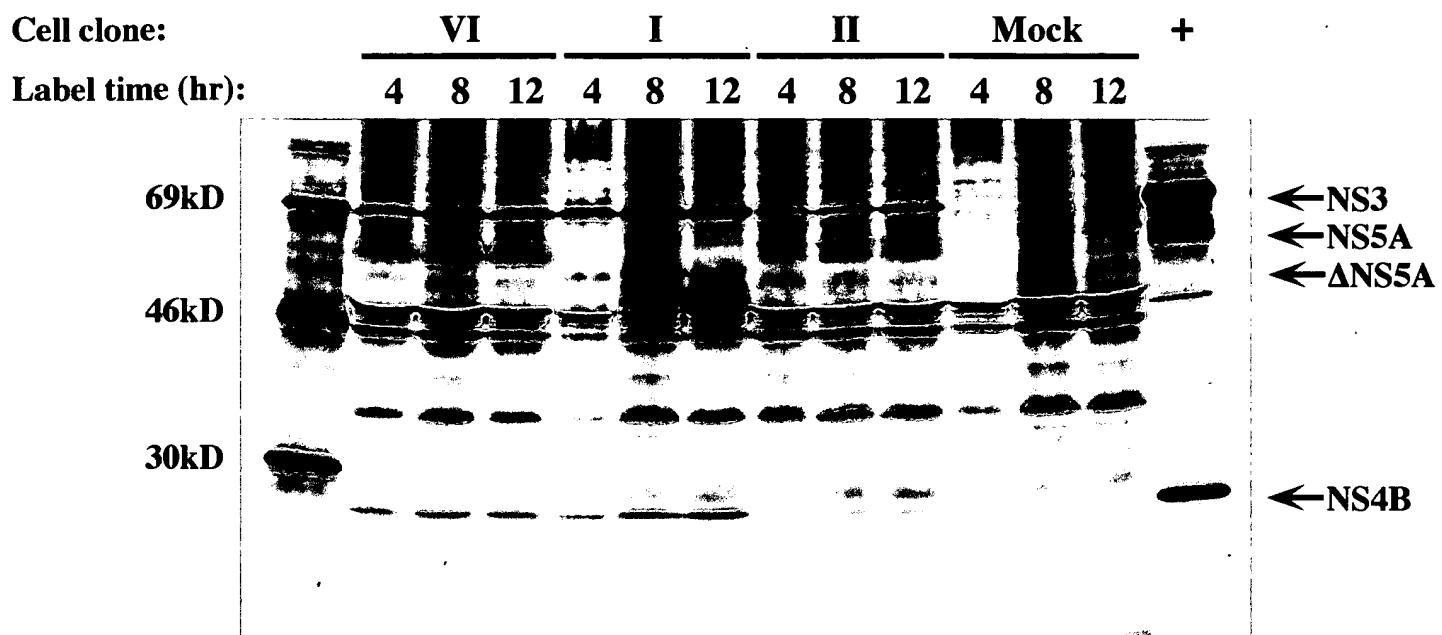


- DNase digest RNA transcripts
- Electroporate RNA into Huh7 cells
- G418-resistant colonies were generated at low frequency
- 28 colonies were picked & 90% of these could be passaged
- No colonies observed for the replicon RNA containing an inactive RDRP

Clone	Copy number/cell	Cytoplasmic NS3	Growth Rate
I	>1000	Yes	Fast
II	~1000-5000	Yes	Fast
IV	ND	Yes	Fast
V	500	ND	Moderate
VI	~1000	Yes	Fast
VII	>800	Yes	Fast
Clone E	<400	No	Very slow

Figure 4

A.



B.



Figure 5

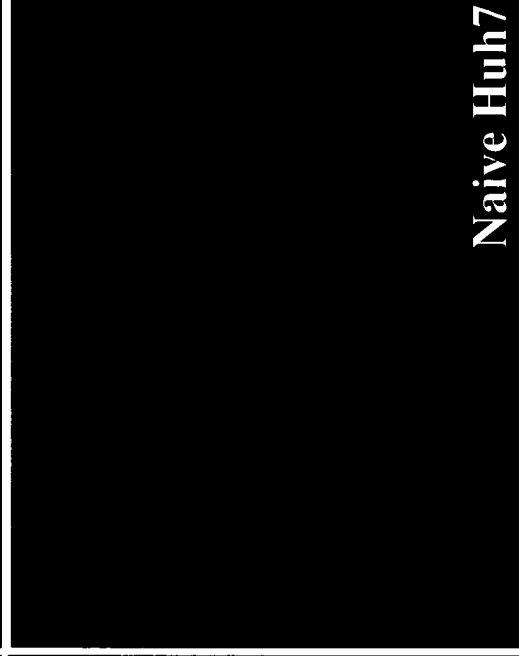
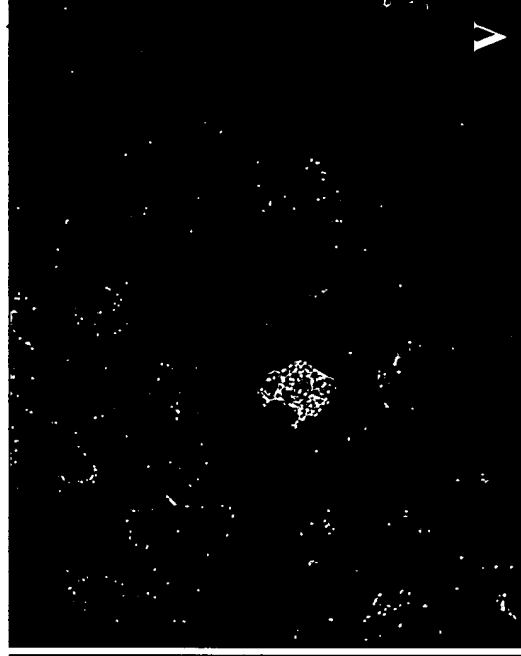
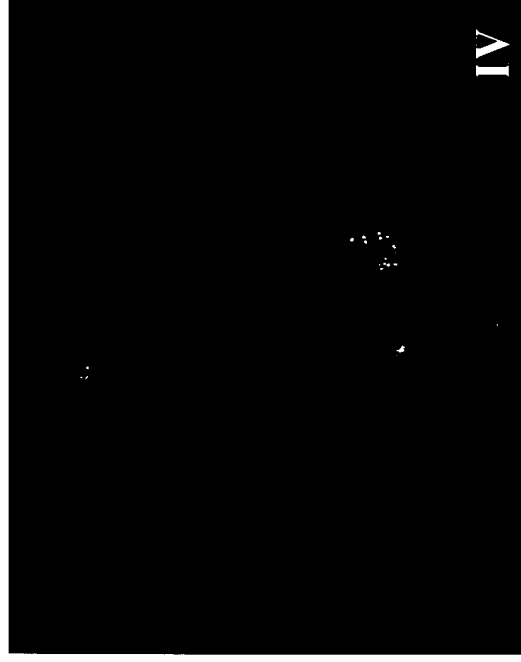
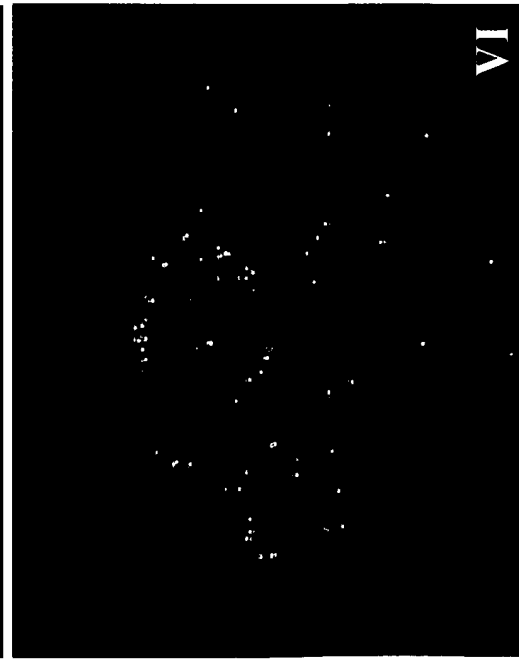


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II
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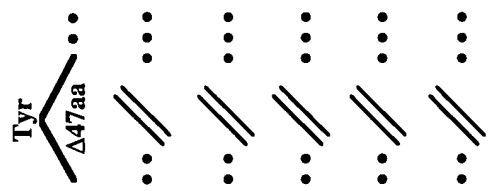
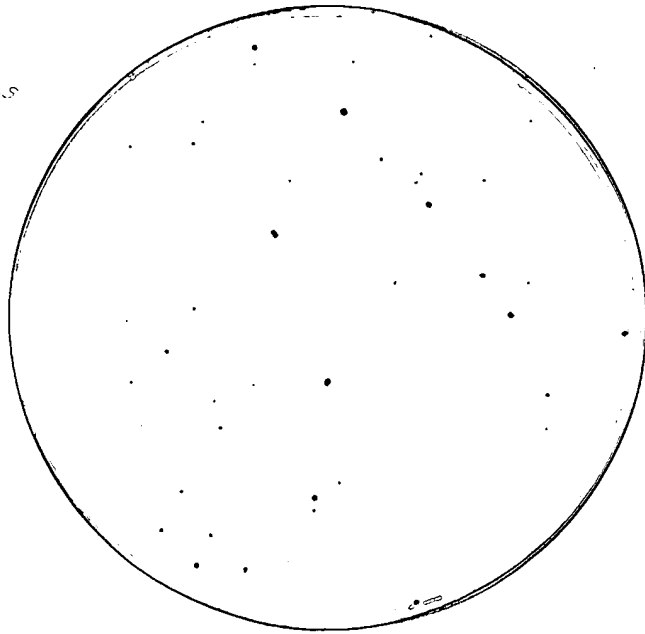
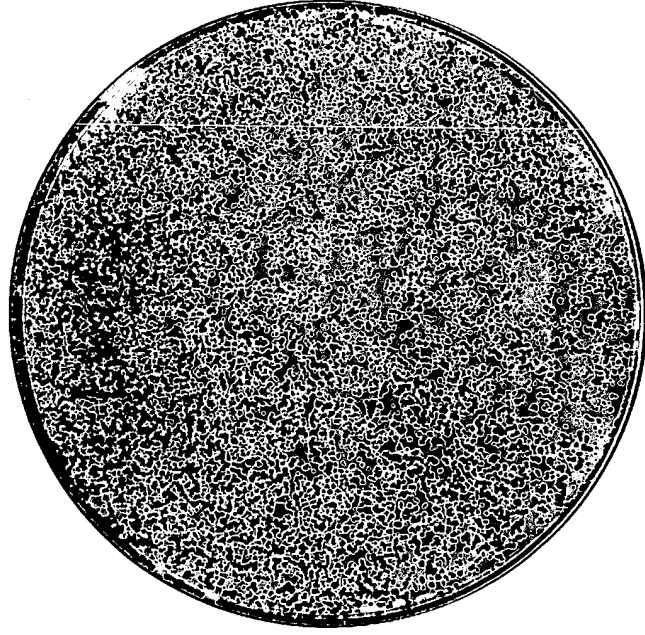


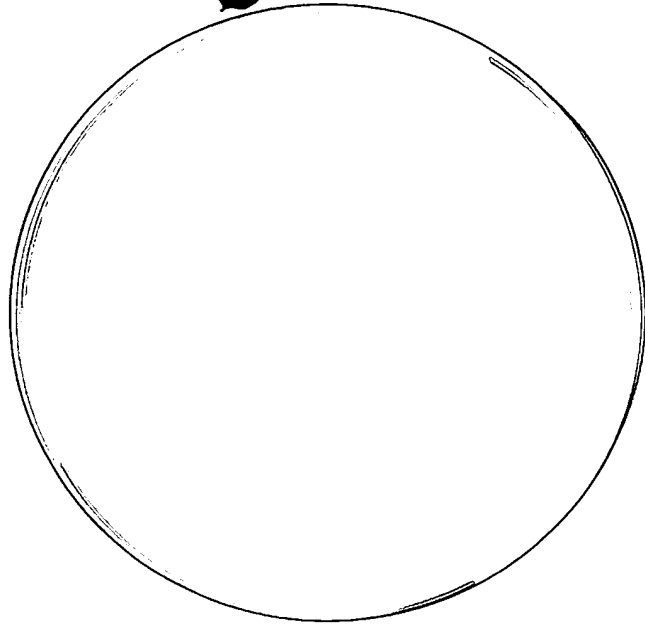
Figure 7



HCVrepBartMan/Avall



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Figure 8

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